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NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

Winter wheat wears a very encouraging outlook in York county. Plattsmouth is going to have a metropolitan street fair from May 9 to 14. The authorities of Columbus have decreed that the grant firecracker must be suppressed in that town.

Of the four business houses recently destroyed by fire at Sterling, three of them will be rebuilt immediately.

The Farmers bank of Reynolds has changed ownership. Mr. and Mrs. Power retiring in favor of I. Bonham as president; S. H. Bacon, vice president, and G. W. Bacon, cashier.

York college has engaged Miss Martha Dayton as instructor of the violin, she being one of the best violin performers in the west. She is a daughter of Editor Dayton of the York Republican.

Many people of York are suffering from an epidemic called pinkeye, a disease of the eyes lasting three or four days, but of such a nature that those afflicted are nearly blinded for a short time.

The Security bank of Ponca has absorbed the Citizens State bank, which was organized there a year ago. It is understood that the Citizens bank will continue under the new management, in the same building which it now occupies.

At the brick plant of Glasgow & Dye at Peru, Dave Gilliland in putting on a small beat, backed against a key in a line shaft, which tore his clothing all off except the lower part of his trousers. He is badly bruised, but not seriously hurt.

Robbers broke into Barnes Brothers' clothing store at Hastings and carried away fifteen or twenty high-priced overcoats. Entrance to the store was gained by smashing two windows in the rear of the building. It was a bold piece of robbery.

It is reported upon good authority that the Union Pacific railroad has expressed a willingness to extend its line from Pleasanton to Georgetown, a postoffice some twenty miles east of Callaway, providing sufficient patronage can be obtained to warrant the move.

Frank Hankins, who was lodged in jail at Wymore on a charge of assaulting Julius Neumann, a merchant, is believed to be a noted jail breaker. He escaped twice from the Wymore jail within several days, and after Marshal Acton succeeded in capturing him each time he placed handcuffs on him.

Isaac Gibson died at his old home in Tekamah in his ninety-third year. Judge Gibson was born in Clark county, Indiana, December 8, 1812, and was married April 4, 1832, to Isabella Walker of Washington county, Indiana, and she died July 31, 1899, at the Tekamah home in her ninety-third year.

Owing to the continued cold, wet weather many of the early sowed oats in Platte county have rotted in the ground and reports from several parts of the country say these fields are being plowed up and replanted. Oats sown later have not been affected. Winter wheat is said to be looking very good.

Ernst Subeck, 45 years of age, went to work in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth as usual the other morning, but a few hours later he was seen to stoop and firmly grasp a steam pipe. His fellow-workmen quickly stepped to his side in time to see him take his last breath. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause.

The graduating exercises of the Dakota City High school will be held in the Methodist church on Friday evening, June 3. The graduating class will consist of Messrs. Charles T. Maxwell, John B. Evans and P. Baker Eckhart. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. S. M. Leshner, Lutheran pastor of that place.

The people of Omaha are preparing for a very elaborate celebration, due notice of which will appear in the public press, and it is probable that many from outlying towns and communities will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the pretentious ceremonies there to be held.

One of the important and interesting cases to be heard at the next sitting of the supreme court is that wherein Fred M. Hans, an Omaha detective formerly employed by the Elkhorn Railroad company, seeks to have reversed the decision of the district court of Brown county, which sentenced him to the penitentiary for life for the murder of David O. Luse in June, 1903.

The annual report of the chief of the fire department of Grand Island to the council showed that during the year the city has had twenty-three fires, with a total loss of only \$13,575, and a net loss, insurance deducted, of \$2,460. The cost of operating the volunteer fire department was shown to be only \$105.93, keeping up the apparatus not included in this nor yet the expense of the telephone alarm system.

The excavation for Hastings' new soap factory has been begun. The new plant is to be 90 by 60 feet, two stories high, with a deep basement. The new enterprise will be operated by Wickam Bros.

General Daggett, who has just completed inspection of the Nebraska National guard, reports himself much pleased and declares that there are members of the guard who would be "credits to the regular army, men who are most excellent soldiers and who would be welcome additions to any military organization of high standing and reputation."

CELEBRATE NEBRASKA DAY.

Governor Mickey Issues Proclamation to the People of the State.

Tuesday, May 31, has been set apart by Governor Mickey upon which to celebrate the signing of the bill that made Nebraska and Kansas a territory. Upon Friday preceding this day Governor Mickey requests that appropriate exercises be held in all the school houses of the state and that on the Sunday preceding Nebraska ministers tell Nebraskans of the growth of the state. The proclamation setting apart the day follows:

On the 30th day of May, 1854, President Pierce affixed his signature to one of the most important enactments which has passed congress during the existence of these United States. The incidents leading up to the introduction and final passage of the Kansas-Nebraska bill were history-making in their character and have indelibly stamped their impress upon our national life. The succeeding events were even more decisive and tragic in their results, ultimately plunging the north and south into factional war and testing in the balance of sanguinary conflict the mooted question of the times affecting human liberty. Such stirring scenes as these marked the enactment of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, by the terms of which the future state of Nebraska, then in territorial form, first emerged from the wilderness lying west of the Missouri and assumed its initial civic responsibilities. Owing to the intensity of the times the eyes of the nation were fixed upon Nebraska then, and because of our spectacular growth and development the attention thus attracted has never been withdrawn. Much was expected of Nebraska, but not more than it has been able to deliver. Its early settlements of God-fearing, liberty-loving, school-fostering citizens exerted a wholesome influence upon the trend of national events from the very first and laid the foundations for the magnificent statehood which is our heritage today.

In the hurry and bustle of life it is profitable at times to briefly pause for retrospective view. In harmony with this idea many of our citizens have thought it wise to properly celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, and the plan meets with my hearty approval. As the date occurs on the 30th of May, a day consecrated to the memory of our soldier dead, a delay of one day is fitting and proper.

Therefore, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby appoint and set apart Tuesday, May 31, 1904, as a day of commemoration of the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska bill, an event of the utmost importance to this people. I suggest that on the Friday preceding the schools of the state take cognizance of the matter and by appropriate exercises challenge attention to the progress of the half century, the history attending the birth of the territory, and seek to inculcate such lessons of patriotism as befit the occasion. It also seems proper that on the Sabbath preceding the anniversary the pastors of the state should make reference to the event from the sacred desk and give to their congregations some thoughts on the growth and development of our commonwealth and the blessings of Providence that have been vouchsafed to us. I recommend that the people generally recognize the anniversary and assist in its observance in any manner that seems most convenient.

It is said that distance lends enchantment to the view, but the theory falls down when applied to a man's view of pay day.

No Damages for Mental Suffering.
LINCOLN.—Damages cannot be given by a court on account of the bereavement, mental suffering or as a solace to the next of kin for the death of a person is the opinion of the supreme court in the case of Johnson county against H. M. Carmen, administrator of the estate of J. B. Gooch. Gooch was killed by the breaking down of a county bridge which he was attempting to cross with a traction engine.

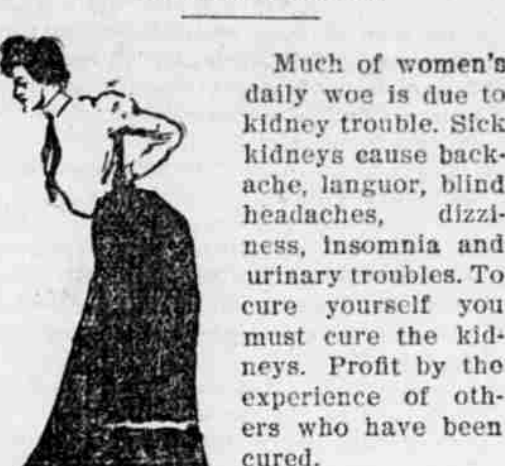
A declaration for the organization of a Commercial club has been signed by thirty-five business men of Grand Island and others interested in the progress of the city and it is expected that organization will be perfected in a week or so.

Peter Fielding Wants Damages.

LINCOLN.—Another damage suit against the Burlington is now before the supreme court. Peter B. Fielding of Mason City sues for damages for personal injuries received by him while working a Burlington handcar.

Corn.
The Nebraska Experiment Station has just published a report on the tests of nineteen varieties of corn conducted for two years by fifty-nine farmers in various parts of the state. The object of the experiments was to ascertain what one of the various pure-bred varieties of corn is best suited to the localities in which the tests were made. The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by residents of Nebraska upon writing to the Nebraska Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb., for Bulletin No. 83.

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